critical remarks about the functioning and the set-up of Doordarshan while speaking at a function at Calcutta recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to improve the functioning and the set up of Doordarshan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Excerpts of a Journalist's question and the Prime Minister's reply at the function organised by Ladies Club of Calcutta on 1st July, 1986 is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 72.]

(c) Review of programmes is a continuous process and special efforts are being made to improve the quality of Doordarshan programmes further. A Central News Unit is proposed to be set up to improve the quality of news and current affairs programmes. It is also proposed to establish a Central Production Unit for production of quality programmes. Guidelines for selection of TV serials have been revised. Doordarshan Manual is being finalised and will be printed shortly, setting out various rules and regulations in a book form. Special attention is being paid to make programmes of all-India relevance, bringing out aspects of national integration, maintenance of harmony and promoting inter regional culture. Efforts have also been made to improve the presentation of programmes specially announcements, colour schemes and scenic designs.

Irrigation projects in Gujarat

1109. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding completed irrigation projects and projects which are at present under construction in Gujarat ; and

(b) the projects of Gujarat which are awaiting clearance from the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : (a) 7 major and 71 medium irrigation project were completed upto the end of Sixth plan, and 11 major and 82 medium projects are under construction in Gujarat .

(b) 8 major and 3 medium schemes are awaiting clearance.

Clearance of irrigation projects

1110. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to streamline the procedure for speedy clearance of irrigation projects in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Sub-Group of the Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission has submitted a report which, *inter alia*, has suggested techno-economic examination at the State level before sending project reports to the Centre, annual review meetings between the officers of Central Water Commission and the States and coordinating arrangements among the concerned organisations at the Centre.